

2000 *The* Year in Review

January

A team developing a prototype International Space Station "lifeboat" called the X-38 Crew Return Vehicle successfully flew the world's largest parafoil parachute at the U.S. Army's Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona.

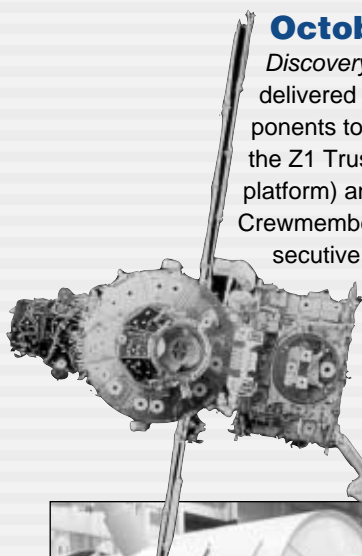


February

One hundred forty-four high school students, some of whom may live on Mars one day, got a chance to plan what living and working conditions will be on the Red Planet during the second annual JSC Mars Settlement Design Competition.

October

Discovery and its STS-92 crew delivered two major station components to the orbiting outpost: the Z1 Truss (communications platform) and a new docking port. Crewmembers completed four consecutive days of space walks to complete the linkup of the two elements to the International Space Station.



March

JSC Associate Director (Technical) John Young received the National Space Trophy at a black-tie celebration at Space Center Houston during which several JSC employees received Stellar Awards from the non-profit Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation.



July

A Proton rocket carrying the crucial Zvezda Service Module was launched from Launch Pad 23 at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

November

More than 2,100 professionals from industry, academia, government and the community took advantage of Inspection2000 to talk with NASA representatives and investigate opportunities to apply space technologies to their own endeavors. People from 28 countries, 42 states, U.S. Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C. pre-registered to attend.

April

For the first time in the history of NASA's Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program, community college students got a chance to fly their

experiments aboard the KC-135 "Weightless Wonder." Forty-eight students from throughout Texas, but mostly from the Houston area, participated in eight teams as members of flight and ground crews.



May

Atlantis' STS-101 crew got the Memorial Day holiday off to a great start, gliding to a landing on May 29, completing a successful mission to service and supply the International Space Station.



June

An eclectic mix of ethnic performances helped JSC celebrate American Heritage Week.



August

JSC's annual community event went above and beyond when it came to illustrating the many facets of the nation's human space flight center to a record crowd of 130,000 during Open House 2000.



September

Atlantis and its seven-member STS-106 crew, five astronauts and two cosmonauts, performed a space walk to connect power, data and communications cables between the newly arrived Zvezda Service Module and the station.



December

Endeavour's STS-97 crew delivered the first U.S. solar arrays that will provide power to the station and enable the operation of the U.S. *Destiny* Lab.